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C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 2046

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CGEN, IN

SUBJ: DETENTION OF ANADI NAIK

REF: STATE 207452

1. CABLE REPORTING RECEIPT OF LETTERS FROM ANADI NAIK BY

CONSUL GENERAL AND CONSULAR OFFICER O'NEILL (CALCUTTA 2041) WAS SENT TO EMBASSY NEW DELHI AUGUST 20. ASSUME EMBASSY HAS REPEATED THIS CABLE TO DEPARTMENT.

2. AS INDICATED IN CALCUTTA 2041 WE BELIEVE A DIRECT APPROACH TO ORISSA CHIEF MINISTER SATPATHY MORE LIKELY TO HARM THAN HELP NAIK'S CHANCES FOR EARLY RELEASE. IN ADDITION TO HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN THE JP NARAYAN MOVEMENT, NAIK WAS APPARENTLY ALSO SUSPECTED OF BEING A CIA AGENT OR OF RECEIVING CIA MONEY; AS RIDICULOUS AS THIS MAY BE IT PRACTICALLY RULES OUT DEALING WITH MRS. SATPATHY OR LESSER ORISSA AUTHORITIES ON THE NAIK CASE, AT LEAST AT THIS STAGE, FOR THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF CIA AND USG INVOLVEMENT IN ORISSA IS ONE ON WHICH THE CHIEF MINISTER IS PRACTICALLY PARANOID.

3. WE COULD SEND A LETTER, OVER CONSULAR OFFICER O'NEILL'S SIGNATURE, TO THE NEW CHIEF SECRETARY OF ORISSA, REFERRING TO O'NEILL'S UNANSWERED LETTER OF LAST OCTOBER TO CHIEF SECRETARY MATHEWS, SETTING OUT MRS. NAIK'S CURRENT SITUATION AND CONVEYING HER ARDENT HOPE THAT HER HUSBAND BE

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ALLOWED TO JOIN HER IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS, HOWEVER,

WOULD BE FOR THE RECORD ONLY AND PROBABLY THE BEST WE
COULD HOPE FOR WOULD BE THAT IT WOULD NOT PREJUDICE
NAIK'S CHANCES OF RELEASE. AS WE SAID IN CALCUTTA 2041,
WE THINK THE PLACE TO PURSUE THE NAIK CASE WOULD BE IN
NEW DELHI, OR IN WASHINGTON WITH AMBASSADOR KAUL, IN A
QUIET AND INFORMAL WAY, PROVIDED OF COURSE THAT EMBASSY
AND DEPARTMENT THINK IT POSSIBLE TO RAISE IT IN CURRENT
CIRCUMSTANCES.

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